



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 4, 2002

H.R. 4734

Alaska Federal Lands Management Demonstration Project Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 12, 2002

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4734 would cost \$1.2 million over the 2003-2004 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 4734 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a pilot program for Alaska Native tribes to apply for contracts to perform certain services on federal lands in Alaska. The bill would require tribes to complete certain planning requirements prior to entering into a contract with the Department of the Interior (DOI) and would authorize the appropriation of \$600,000 in each of years 2003 and 2004 for the Secretary to make grants to help tribes meet those requirements. Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, we estimate that the Secretary would spend \$600,000 in each of those years for those grants. If the Secretary enters into a contract with a tribe to provide certain services, the bill would direct the Secretary to provide the tribe with funds at least equal to what the federal government would have otherwise spent for such services. Based on information from DOI, we estimate that any increase in federal spending for these activities, which would be subject to appropriation, would not be significant.

H.R. 4734 also would direct the Secretary, subject to appropriation of the necessary funds, to enter into a contract with the Koyukuk River Basin Moose Co-Management Team, Inc., to authorize that organization to manage wildlife resources within the Koyukuk and Kanuti National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska. Based on information from a representative of that organization, CBO estimates that implementing this provision would not significantly affect federal spending for resource management.

H.R. 4734 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Any tribe choosing to enter into a contract authorized by this bill would do so voluntarily.

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